

France

27 August 1944

Sunday

Dear Sister & Brother,

Received your letter of July 30th and the box of candy a few days ago, & glad to get both. Have been either moving or busy since the letter & box arrived. I had no real opportunity to write sooner.

Life in France proves to be entirely different than any of my Army life before. Sleeping outdoors is not a novelty any longer. We have been here long enough now that I realize full well I will never get used to sleeping on the ground. Sometimes I wake up in the night with an aching hip or an aching shoulder and often have to turn over to find a new sleeping position. Spiders, ants, bugs, mosquitos, rain, etc make outdoor life interesting. (next sheet)

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We eat canned or packaged field rations, but they are not bad at all - better than you might think.

We have had a few movies in a tent since we arrived in France, and we have church every Sunday. I have been the last two Sundays even though I had not been to church for months. We get news announcements twice daily and we also have three radios in our unit which provide us with news at night. Static conditions make reception poor in the daytime.

However, lately we have not had time for much of anything but moving & work. When we stop for a day or two we have plenty to keep us busy until we move on again - at least the typing section is extra busy.

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Sounds like you got some nice
birthday presents, Sis. Wish I might
have been there for the party. Maybe
I will be next year. I was in
France before then, this year.

Hope that you and Joe are
both well. I pray for you and
think of you often. I longingly
await letters from you, too, so
write often. I may not answer
as soon as I used to but I
will answer.

Lots of love.

Your brother,

Clifton

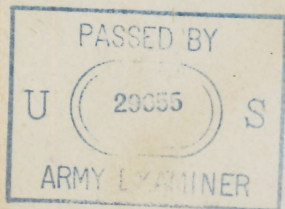
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